

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MANILA 00862 171243Z POSS DUPE  
ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 ISO-00 AGRE-00 CEA-01 CIAE-00  
COME-00 DODE-00 FRB-03 H-01 INR-07 INT-05 L-03  
LAB-04 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 CTME-00 AID-05 SS-15  
STR-06 ITC-01 TRSE-00 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 SOE-02  
OMB-01 DOE-11 /099 W  
-----030060 172125Z /72

R 170914Z JAN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 455

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MANILA 862

E. O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: ETRD, RP, US  
SUBJECT: U.S. INVESTMENT - FILTRONA CASE

1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JANUARY 10, 1978, FROM SECRETARY OF FINANCE CESAR VIRATA JANUARY 13: BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: WITH REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THE TARIFF RATES ON IMPORTED ACETATE TWO USED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CIGARETTE FILTERS, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE PRESIDENT SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 25, 1977, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1258-A INSTITUTING NEW RATES FOR THIS RAW MATERIAL.

I HOPE THIS DECREE, COPY ENCLOSED FOR YOUR READY REFERENCE, RESOLVES THE PROBLEMS MENTIONED IN YOUR PREVIOUS LETTERS TO THIS DEPARTMENT. END QUOTE. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR RECEIVED EXACT SAME LETTER ON SAME DATE.

2. DECREE 1258-A WHEN IMPLEMENTED, WILL ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION IN TARIFF DUTIES FOR FILAMENT TOW. AS OF JANUARY 16, CUSTOMS BUREAU HAD NOT HEARD OF DECREE, HAD  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MANILA 00862 171243Z POSS DUPE

NO IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, AND WAS STILL CHARGING LA SUERTE AND OTHER NON-PREFERRED IMPORTERS 100 PER CENT DUTIES.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE PD 1258-A WAS ISSUED AT LEAST PARTIALLY IN RESPONSE TO RECENT SPATE OF U.S. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HIGHLIGHTING RISE OF HERDIS MANAGEMENT GROUP,

WHICH ALL CITED THE FILTRONA CASE AS AN EXAMPLE OF PALACE  
INFLUENCE HELPING HERMINIO DISINI. FACT THAT IMPLEMENTING  
AGENCY, CUSTOMS, HAS NOT HEARD OF DECREE SUPPOSEDLY DATING  
FROM NOVEMBER 1977 REINFOCES CONCLUSION THAT PALACE BUCKLED  
UNDER POWER OF THE PRESS. EMBASSY WILL NOW FOLLOW-UP TO ENCOURAGE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECREE. LET'S HOPE THIS CLOSES THE FILTRONA  
FILE.  
NEWSOM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** INVESTMENTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 17 jan 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978MANILA00862  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780025-0475  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** MANILA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780156/aaaaburb.tel  
**Line Count:** 70  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 6dcfcfe2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 03 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3763456  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** U.S. INVESTMENT - FILTRONA CASE  
**TAGS:** ETRD, RP, US  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/6dcfcfe2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014